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Please see the attached letter regarding the pending Microsoft agreement.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

After three long years of legal wrangling the Microsoft antitrust case has finally seen an opportunity for resolution in the settlement reached last November. A continuation of litigation, such that Microsoft's competitors are now strongly lobbying for, will simply not benefit anyone but their competition, and thus will prove to be counter-productive for America.

The current settlement offers much of which that the government and competing companies should be satisfied. It allows free access to Microsoft's source code and interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. Additionally, Microsoft is obligated to design future versions of Windows to make it easier on consumers, manufacturers, and software developers to promote non-Microsoft applications. This, in addition to many other restrictions and obligations, will be verified by a Technical Committee to ensure Microsoft's compliance.

It appears to me that this settlement is the best way to put an end to this matter once and for all. I strongly urge to work towards the immediate resolution of this case. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John J. Schuler

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CC: Senator Rick Santorum

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